

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013 6:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission was convened at 6:36 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Reynolds, Sherman and Nuckols. Council Liaison: Schneider. Staff present: Transportation Manager Woods and City staff Zneimer.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

The Commission approved (3 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstained, 1 absent) November 20, 2012 Regular meeting.

(Sherman, Reynolds)

3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission welcomed the newest Freeway and Transportation Commission, Joanne Nuckols.

Commissioner Evans informed the Commission about the recent occurrences of the Gold Line Construction Authority Governing Board. The South Pasadena City Council will have to approve a new elected official to occupy the City's seat as a voting member on the Board.

4. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Woods passed out information to the Commission on a health seminar on monitoring pollutants close to freeways hosted at AQMD. He also informed the Commission about the recent letter from Senator Carol Liu's office on the responsibilities of Caltrans and Metro regarding the SR-710 Environmental Study. Mr. Woods reminded the Commission about the upcoming SR-710 Open House meetings being hosted by Metro.

Mayor Schneider also made comments about welcoming the new Freeway & Transportation Commissioner Joanne Nuckols and thanked the Commission for all their work this past year.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1) CHAIR

Commissioner Sherman was elected to serve as Chair of the Freeway & Transportation Commission by a vote of 4-0.
(Nuckols, Evans)

2) VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Reynolds was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Freeway & Transportation by a vote of 4-0.
(Sherman, Evans)

3) SECRETARY

Commissioner Evans was elected to serve as Secretary of the Freeway & Transportation Commission by a vote of 4-0.
(Sherman, Reynolds)

B. APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON AD-HOC MOBILE FOOD VENDING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Staff introduced the item and gave a brief explanation about the Ad-Hoc Committee. The Commission passed a motion 4-0 to appoint Commissioner David Margrave to the Ad-Hoc Mobile Food Vending Policy Advisory Committee.

C. FAIR OAKS

Mr. Woods introduced the item. Vice Chair Reynolds explained the current situation of the Fair Oaks review of "Lessons Learned." The Commission discussed the item further. Commissioner Nuckols mentioned an AECOM report that is currently being prepared by the City's Public Works Department regarding the geometrics of the Fair Oaks construction.

The Commission passed a motion 4-0 to wait for the completion of the Public Works report allowing the Commission an opportunity to review the report before starting the "Lessons Learned" report. Once the Public Works report is completed, the Commission will assess what to do next.

(Reynolds, Nuckols)

D. SR-710

Chair Sherman began discussion about the SR-710 focusing on the recent Purpose & Need Letters sent by South

Pasadena and other cities; he also asked about the roles & responsibilities for Metro and Caltrans for the SR-710 Study. Mr. Woods explained the recent developments around the Purpose & Need including the letters and recent Caltrans meeting. The Commission discussed the item in more depth.

The Freeway & Transportation Commission recommends that the City Council authorize Special Counsel to investigate the delegation of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) responsibilities [*National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)*, Environmental review and authorization] to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and if Caltrans is negligent in that role and what is the approval process for the [SR-710] project.

The motion passed 4 ayes to 0 noes 1 member absent.

(Nuckols, Sherman)

The Commission continued the discussion about the SR-710 focusing on the meetings that recently occurred with Metro staff and consultants. The meeting went over some of the alternatives that are currently being studied for the SR-710.

The Freeway & Transportation Commission recommends that a special joint meeting with the South Pasadena City Council and Freeway & Transportation Commission that will have Metro staff and consultants give an update on the current SR-710 Study and more specifics about each of the alternatives that will be furthered studied. It is recommended that the meeting occur after the Community Open Houses Metro is hosting.

The motion passed 4 ayes to 0 noes 1 member absent.

(Sherman, Nuckols)

Chair Sherman discussed a recent meeting with Senator Liu's staff, City of South Pasadena staff, Caltrans, other elected offices staff and members of the public, which went over the topic of selling the Caltrans owned homes.

The issue of the SR-110/Fair Oaks interchange project was discussed. The Commission discussed the problems with the project from funding to splitting the project. The Commission discussed the item in detail.

Councilmember Cacciotti came to the Freeway & Transportation meeting and talked about his recent efforts to make presentations to cities in the area to try and give them information about the current SR-710 Study, past events, transportation alternatives and about multi-modalism.

7. AGENDA INPUT

The Commission requested the following to be on the next agenda: update on the Fair Oaks and the SR-710.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved By:



William Sherman
Chair